

On the Spur of the Moment

By Roy K. Moulton

Sunny Jim Sherman. I sort of like this Sunny Jim. There's something restful about him. He don't go around and rave and shout and try to bowl somebody out. He ain't inventin' no new nags—He's a philosopher, is James.

I guess he knows it ain't no use for him to pass out the abuse. Or get mixed up in any way. In this mad adjective foray. The cat may jump as is its whim. It really cuts no ice with Jim.

He's placid, quiet and serene. No one in language that is mean has dug into his past and tried. Upon the fence to hang his hide. They haven't torn him limb from limb. They're sort of overlookin' Jim.

Nobody seems to care a cent about our own Vice-President. No mind to being thrown his way. He is a cipher in a way. A new nickname would just fit him. They ought to call him "Lucky Jim."

My Folding Bed. Oh, how I love my folding bed. I wake up standing on my head. I've had it now for many a day. And I have learned to sleep that way. It is a pessimistic couch. Which seems to harbor one deep grouch.

Thought to make friends with it. I've tried. It shuts its mouth with me inside. I leap into its bosom vast. And hope that leap is not my last. I wake up every morn all right. Although I'm squeezed up pretty tight. But still I think it's one safe bet. That folding bed will get me yet.

From the Hickoryville Clarion. Last Thursday night folks thought it was summer sure, for the crickets was yellin' all evening. They found out later, however, it was only Bud Hicks settin' on the front stoop of the flour mill windin' his new dollar watch. Bud's new watch is guaranteed to run one year. Bud says, by giner, it ought to, because it takes about one year to wind it up.

Owing to a break in our machinery, the Clarion has had to use a foldin' bed for a printing press this week. This issue, therefore, is a little behind time, but not so much so as the majority of our subscribers. Some slicker who don't belong here passed a counterfeit \$2 bill on William Tibbitts last week and Tibbitts had a fit under the counter. Mr. Tibbitts, who is one of our astute business men, dropped the bill in the collection plate at the meetin' house and took \$1.95 at the meetin' house and took \$1.95 at the meetin' house.

When he counted his change he found five lead 10-cent pieces, three plugged nickies, two aluminum quarters and a Babbitt metal half-dollar. Elmer Jones has gone into training on the half-mile track out at the fair grounds and expects to get a job as floor walker in some department store. He ought to land the job, as he can do a mile in 11:57 out on the track.

But he might not be able to do as well on a floor, as he might slip some. Maybe he could get a job as walking delegate for some union. Elmer says he would like that if it wasn't such a long distance between some towns. Hod Peters was defeated for rud commissioner, as it was learned he favored the trusts. He buys combination underclothes.

William Tibbitts, the groceryman, sent a bill to James Spink last week and found out later that James died during the World's Fair at Chicago. What can a business man expect, when he gets his news out of Hostetter's Almanac?

Willie Tumms is learning to play on a mandolin. He expects to get a lucrative position in some barber shop. Enos Hand, chief of Wild Awake Fire Department, expects to go to the city soon to pick out some fall styles in hose which he has seen advertised at a bargain.

Our Trees. To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir.—A paragraph under the head of "Society" in last Sunday's paper, calls attention to the lamentable condition of our trees in general, and makes especial mention of the delays in replacing empty spaces created either by destruction or accident.

In connection with the following paragraph in the Washington Post of last Sunday is pertinent: "SOON TO PLANT 300 TREES."

Parking Department to Replace Maples With Murderer Stock. "The removal of the trees on Fourteenth, Sixth, Twelfth and Seventeenth Streets, Northwest, now in progress, is to make way for the planting of more than 300 Oriental plane and pin oak trees. The trees now being cut down are of the soft maple variety, which do not thrive in this climate."

Richmond is afflicted with a similar complaint in the fact that many useful soft or swamp maples have been set out in the past. This is especially the case with Monument Avenue from Meadow to Allison Streets, where are many trees which will never be an ornament, but a decided detriment to the beautification of the city. They should be removed and their places taken by good trees, and now is the time for transplanting.

The Facts About Mrs. Eddy's Will. To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: To the Editor of The Associated Press: October 9 has been widely published to the effect that "A trust estimated at \$1,000,000, created by the will of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy for the benefit of the Christian Science Church, was

declared void by the Massachusetts Supreme Court." The fact being to the contrary, will you please publish the statement below in order that your readers may be correctly informed? The full bench of the Massachusetts Supreme Court has decided that the will of Rev. Mary Baker Eddy has created a valid public trust which can be administered by a trustee appointed by the court. The decision also declares that the heirs cannot inherit Mrs. Eddy's property. The court holds that the Massachusetts statute limiting the amount of a bequest to a religious body applies in the present instance as against the administration of this trust by the directors of the Christian Science Church, but that a religious body applies in the present instance as against the administration of this trust by the directors of the Christian Science Church, but that a religious body applies in the present instance as against the administration of this trust by the directors of the Christian Science Church.

Colonel Kane, assistant surgeon-general of the United States Army, opened the course on September 16 with a lecture on Hygiene. The second will be delivered by Captain Oliver L. Spaulding, Fifth United States Coast Artillery, who is the official inspector-instructor with the Virginia Volunteers. He is the author of "Spaulding's Notes on Field Artillery." His subject will be "Science of Modern Field Artillery."

Major Charles D. Rhodes, of the cavalry, commanding officer at Fort Myer, graduate of the Army War College, and author of the "History of the Cavalry, Army of the Potomac," will lecture November 9 on "Cavalry in the Field," and on November 16 Captain Hugh D. Wise, Ninth United States Infantry, a distinguished graduate of the staff college, inspector-instructor in the State of New York, and an officer of wide experience, will handle the subject of "Infantry Tactics." He will be followed November 30 by Captain H. E. Eames, Twenty-eighth Infantry, graduate of the staff college, and author of the "Manual of Musketry Fire."

Early in December Major Carl Reichman, of the general staff, graduate of the War College, and United States military observer with the Russian army in 1905, will lecture on the Russo-Japanese War. It is hoped to complete arrangements for the second half of the course at an early date, invitations having been extended a number of equally distinguished officers to take up other interesting topics. Colonel Jennings C. Wise, commandant of cadets at the Institute, is working hard on the proposition.

ADDRESS BY GILLHAUS. Socialist-Labor Candidate to Speak. "New To-Night." The closing of the political parties which are in the field this year will be analyzed by August Gillhaus, the Socialist-Labor party's candidate for the vice-presidency, who speaks on Tuesday at Sparks' Hall 712 East Broad Street. Mr. Gillhaus follows the occupation of engineer when he is not lecturing for his party. On the platform he has had wide experience, having carried the Socialist message to almost every part of the United States. Arthur Reimer, who heads the Socialist-Labor ticket, spoke in Richmond early in the summer, since which time he has been continuously on the hustings. Questions will be invited and answered by the speaker at the meeting to-night, which begins at 8 o'clock.

Invitations issued. Frederickburg, Va., October 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of Stafford County, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lena Rollins, to Dr. Alvan Livingston Herring, of Richmond. The marriage will take place this fall and Mrs. Herring will be the bride.

Orange County, Va., October 21.—The marriage of their daughter, Miss Mary Janet Rawlings, to Francis L. Laramore, of Alexandria, the ceremony to take place at the Baptist Church at Orange Wednesday, October 24, at 11 o'clock A. M.

GREAT HALIFAX FAIR WILL THROW OPEN GATES TO-DAY. South Boston, Va., October 21.—All is in readiness for the great Halifax Fair, which will open its gates to-morrow. The exhibit in every department is being hurriedly completed, and in many instances will surpass many of the exhibits held in other towns. Fine live stock of every description will be here, and the cavalry department cannot be surpassed. The four days of this week promise to go down in history as a big time for South Boston and Halifax County.

The grounds are situated near "Colonial Heights." No expense has been spared, and the buildings and grounds are in excellent shape.

One advantage of a tour in car is that you can fill it up with friends and get away from the kitchen. A bully crew of wrong fellow is far better than a crew of right fellow.

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